

### In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic container, comprising:

a case body;

~~provided with~~ a cover which includes a hinge boss rotatably attached to the case body through a hinge pin[;]] and opens from and closes against the case body;

a torsion spring provided in the hinge boss, one end of the torsion spring being attached to the case body and the other end of the torsion spring being attached to the hinge boss, and the torsion spring applying a force against the case body so as to urge the cover to open;

~~wherein the case body is further provided with~~ a hook mechanism which is placed ~~provided on the case body so as to be~~ on the opposite side of the hinge pin[;]] and [[with]] through which the cover is ~~engaged~~ engages with the case body to form a closed state, the hook mechanism comprising a push-piece body slidably provided at one end of the case body opposite from the hinge pin and a hook boss provided at one end of the cover to engage with the push-piece body when the cover is fully closed to form the closed state, the engagement of the push-piece and the hook boss being released when the push-piece is pushed toward the hinge pin; and

~~wherein the case body is still further provided with~~ a pressure member which is provided on the case body, causes a frictional contact with the hinge boss to reduce [[the]] a rotation speed of the hinge boss, ~~and wherein the hinge boss is provided with~~ comprising a radius reduction portion which is formed [[by]] so that [[the]] an outer dimension of the hinge boss is reduced gradually as the cover is getting closer to its full-opened position, ~~for the purpose of weakening so as to weaken~~ [[a]] the frictional contact ~~function~~ with the pressure member,

~~characterized in that:~~ wherein the frictional contact between the pressure member and the hinge boss is generated at a position apart from the line drawn between the hinge pin and the hook mechanism[;]], and

the radius reduction portion is formed to start at where the cover has been opened to reach a position of 90 degrees from [[its]] the closed position, state and spread to the cover's full-

opened position is so configured that the frictional contact between the pressure member and the hinge boss is less when the cover opens beyond the 90 degree position than when the cover does not reach the 90 degree position.

2. (New) The cosmetic container of claim 1, further comprising an internal tray mounted on the case body so as to be disposed between the case body and the cover in the closed state.

3. (New) The cosmetic container of claim 2, wherein the internal tray has an aperture configured so that the hook boss goes through the aperture to engage with the push-piece body.